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FOR ROGERS FROM AMB

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING. I SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF FOL TOPICS:

A) MILGRP/MAAG CONCEPT AND STRUCTURE. AS YOU KNOW GEN MCAULIFFE IS UNDERTAKING A BASIC AND THOROUGH REVIEW OF MILGRP/MAAG STRUCTURE AND MANNING, AND IS WORKING TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CONCEPTS. HE HAS CIRCULARIZED MIGRPS WITH A VERY STIMULATING AND INTERESTING OUTLINE OF PROPOSED BASIC PREMISES AND CONCEPTS TO GUIDE THIS EFFORT, AND HAS SOUGHT FIELD (MILGRP) REVIEW/ COMMENTS. THIS EFFORT COULD FORM THE FRAMWORK OF A DISCUSSION. SINCE ANY CHANGES THAT MAY BE INSTITUTED WILL TO A LARGE DEGREE HAVE TO BE "EVENHANDED" THE COMBINED VIEWS OF GOM'S WILL BE RELEVANT. THEY MAY EVEN BE HELPFUL TO GEN MCAULIFFE IN HIS STUDY.

B. FUTURE OF MTN. I WAS RECENTLY STARTLED TO HEAR A SUGGESTION THAT THE MTN MAY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THEREFORE PROTECTIVE ACTIONS BY US IN TRADE MATTERS MAY BE UNAVOIDABLE. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN MTN, WOULD IT NOT ALSO BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE A FRANK BRIEFING ON FUTURE
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PROSPECTS FOR MTN AND WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY DO NOT SUCCEED?

C. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT S/T IS WHERE A GOOD DEAL OF THE ACTION WILL BE IN THE FUTURE AS REGARDS US-LA COOPERATION. A DISCUSSION AND VETTING OF THIS SUBJECT WITH AL FISHLOW'S MEMO OF 9/15 AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE WULD BE HLEPFUL.

D. THE CONCEPTUAL UNDERPINNINGS OF LA POLICY. CLEARLY WE MUST HAVE A GOOD AIRING OF OUR "GRAND STRATEGY" TOWARD LA-- THE SORT OF THING CONTAINED IN YOUR MEMO "THE LESSON OF THE NEW DIALOGUE", AND THE EARLIER BLOOMFIELD-EINAUDI EXCHANGE. I HOPE THAT A GENEROUS AMOUNT OF TIME WILL BE ALLOTTED FOR THAT PURPOSE. VAKY

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